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United States Attorney Joe W. Stecher announced the federal Grand Jury for the District of Nebraska has returned a number of unsealed indictments. Indictments are charging documents that contain one or more individual counts that are merely accusations, and every defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty. If you need additional information on any of the following indictments, please telephone Joe Stecher, or in his absence, Criminal Chief, Jan Sharp, at (402) 661-3700.

- * **Juan Amaya-Armenta**, age 29, is charged in a two-count indictment. Count I of the indictment alleges beginning from an unknown date but at least as early as on or about June 28, 2009, and continuing through on or about June 29, 2009, the defendant conspired with others to distribute and possess with intent to distribute more than one kilogram of a mixture containing a detectable amount of heroin. The maximum possible penalty includes imprisonment of at least 10 years and up to life, a \$4 million fine, a 5 year term of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment. Count II of the indictment alleges Amaya-Armenta possessed with intent to distribute more than one kilogram of a mixture containing a detectable amount of heroin on or about June 29, 2009. The maximum possible penalty includes imprisonment of not less than 10 years and up to life, a \$4 million fine, a 5 year term of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.
- * **Ramon Beltran-Inzunza**, age 39, also known as Roberto Lopez-Lopez, Ramon Inzunza Beltran, or Noe Villa-Gonzales, is charged with illegal reentry into the United States on or about July 15, 2009, after being deported following conviction for an aggravated felony. The maximum possible penalty if convicted, includes imprisonment of 20 years,

a fine of \$250,000, followed by 3 years of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.

- * **Robert W. Carlson**, age 53, of Kearney, is charged in a two-count indictment. Count I of the indictment alleges beginning from an unknown date but at least as early as on or about December 6, 2008, and continuing through on or about December 7, 2008, the defendant conspired with others to distribute and possess with intent to distribute more than 50 grams of a mixture containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine. The maximum possible penalty includes imprisonment of at least 5 years but not more than 40 years, a \$2 million fine, a 4 year term of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment. Count II of the indictment alleges on or about December 7, 2008, Carlson possessed with intent to distribute more than 50 grams of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine. The maximum possible penalty includes imprisonment of not less than 5 years and up to 40 years, a \$2 million fine, a 4 year term of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.
- * **Miguel Angel Carreon-Rico**, age 34, of Omaha, is charged in a two-count indictment. Count I alleges on or about July 21, 2009, the defendant possessed with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of actual methamphetamine. The maximum possible penalty includes imprisonment of not less than 10 years and up to life, a \$4 million fine, a 5 year term of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment. Count II alleges the \$6,294 in United States currency seized from the defendant was used or intended to be used to commit and to facilitate the drug offense set out in Count I or constitutes proceeds derived from the drug offense set out in Count I and any and all interest the defendant has in the United States currency should be forfeited to the United States.
- * **Andrea R. Evans**, age 39, of Omaha, is charged in a one-count indictment with conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. Count I of the indictment alleges beginning from an unknown date but at least as early as on or about July 13, 2009, and continuing through on or about July 14, 2009, the defendant conspired with others to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of actual methamphetamine. The

maximum possible penalty includes imprisonment of at least 10 years and up to life, a \$4 million fine, a 5 year term of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.

- * **Alex Dunte Green**, also known as “Geezy”, age 22, of Lincoln, is charged in a one-count indictment with conspiracy to distribute cocaine base (“crack”). The indictment alleges from an unknown date but at least as early as January 1, 2006, up to and including March 1, 2008, the defendant conspired with others to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine base. The maximum possible penalty includes imprisonment of at least 10 years and up to life, a \$4 million fine, a 5 year term of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.
- * **Steven A. Hudson**, age 46, of West Des Moines, Iowa, is charged in a two-count indictment. Count I alleges on or about June 10, 2006, through February 13, 2009, Hudson, an agent and employee of the First National Bank of Omaha in Des Moines, Iowa, embezzled and misapplied money entrusted to the custody and care of the First National Bank of Omaha. Specifically, it is alleged Hudson stole checks totaling approximately \$117,000 tendered to the First National Bank by persons wanting to make deposits into accounts they held at the First National Bank of Omaha. Hudson would deposit the checks in his personal account and convert the proceeds to his own use. The maximum penalty for this count includes imprisonment for 30 years, a \$1,000,000 fine, 3 years of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment. Count II of the indictment charges Hudson with interstate transportation of stolen property on or about June 11, 2007. The maximum penalty for this count includes imprisonment for 10 years, a \$250,000 fine, 3 years of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.
- * **Michael Hymes**, age 29, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, is charged with bank robbery of First National Bank, 2930 South 24th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, on or about August 4, 2009. The maximum possible penalty, if convicted, includes 20 years imprisonment, a fine of \$250,000, a 3 year term of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.
- * **Luis Ibarra-Penuelas**, age 20, is charged in a two-count indictment. Count I of the indictment alleges beginning from an unknown date but at least as early as on or about

June 28, 2009, and continuing through on or about June 29, 2009, the defendant conspired with others to distribute and possess with intent to distribute more than one kilogram of a mixture containing a detectable amount of heroin. The maximum possible penalty includes imprisonment of at least 10 years and up to life, a \$4 million fine, a 5 year term of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment. Count II of the indictment alleges Ibarra-Penuelas possessed with intent to distribute more than one kilogram of a mixture containing a detectable amount of heroin on or about June 29, 2009. The maximum possible penalty includes imprisonment of not less than 10 years and up to life, a \$4 million fine, a 5 year term of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.

* **Dennis Jay Knaub**, also known as “DJ”, age 29, of Lincoln, is charged in a one-count indictment with conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. The indictment alleges between on or about October 1, 2006, and on or about May 1, 2009, the defendant conspired with others to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of a mixture containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine. The maximum possible penalty includes imprisonment of at least 10 years and up to life, a \$4 million fine, a 5 year term of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.

* **Jeffrey R. Krystyniak**, age 31, of Omaha, is charged in a three-count indictment. Count I alleges beginning from an unknown date but at least as early as November 8, 2008, and continuing through July 27, 2009, the defendant conspired together and with others to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine. The maximum possible penalty includes imprisonment of not less than 5 years and up to 40 years, a \$2 million fine, a 4 year term of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment. Count II of the indictment alleges on or about July 15, 2009, Krystyniak distributed 5 grams or more of actual methamphetamine. The maximum possible penalty on this count includes imprisonment of not less than 5 years and up to 40 years, a \$2 million fine, a 4 year term of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment. Count III of the indictment alleges the defendant possessed with intent to distribute less than 50 grams of a mixture or

substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine on or about July 27, 2009. The maximum possible penalty on this count includes imprisonment of up to 20 years, a \$1 million fine, a 3 year term of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.

- * **Jhonny Martinez-Gonzalez**, age 25, of Omaha, is charged in a two-count indictment. Count I charges Martinez-Gonzalez with social security fraud on or about August 11, 2009. The maximum possible penalty for this count includes imprisonment of 5 years, a \$250,000 fine, 3 years of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment. Count II of the indictment charges Martinez-Gonzalez with aggravated identity theft on or about August 11, 2009. The penalty includes a mandatory minimum sentence of imprisonment for 2 years consecutive to any other term of imprisonment imposed on the first count of the indictment, a \$250,000 fine, 1 year of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment.
- * **Guillermo Franco Mejia**, age 51, is charged with illegal reentry into the United States on or about August 3, 2009, after being deported following conviction for an aggravated felony. The maximum possible penalty if convicted, includes imprisonment of 20 years, a fine of \$250,000, followed by 3 years of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.
- * **Miguel Mejia-Palma**, age 22, also known as “Pacheco”, of Omaha, is charged in a one-count indictment. Count I alleges that on or about June 25, 2009, Mejia-Palma possessed a counterfeit Permanent Resident Card. The maximum possible penalty for this count includes imprisonment of 10 years, a \$250,000 fine, 3 years of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.
- * **Juan Perez**, age 48, is charged in a two-count indictment. Count I of the indictment alleges beginning from an unknown date but at least as early as on or about June 28, 2009, and continuing through on or about June 29, 2009, the defendant conspired with others to distribute and possess with intent to distribute more than one kilogram of a mixture containing a detectable amount of heroin. The maximum possible penalty includes imprisonment of at least 10 years and up to life, a \$4 million fine, a 5 year term of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment. Count II of the indictment alleges

Perez possessed with intent to distribute more than one kilogram of a mixture containing a detectable amount of heroin on or about June 29, 2009. The maximum possible penalty includes imprisonment of not less than 10 years and up to life, a \$4 million fine, a 5 year term of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.

- * **Carlos Ramirez**, age 22, is charged in a two-count indictment. Count I of the indictment alleges beginning from an unknown date but at least as early as on or about June 28, 2009, and continuing through on or about June 29, 2009, the defendant conspired with others to distribute and possess with intent to distribute more than one kilogram of a mixture containing a detectable amount of heroin. The maximum possible penalty includes imprisonment of at least 10 years and up to life, a \$4 million fine, a 5 year term of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment. Count II of the indictment alleges Ramirez possessed with intent to distribute more than one kilogram of a mixture containing a detectable amount of heroin on or about June 29, 2009. The maximum possible penalty includes imprisonment of not less than 10 years and up to life, a \$4 million fine, a 5 year term of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.
- * **Juan M. Sanchez**, age 33, of Omaha, is charged in a two-count indictment. Count I of the indictment alleges on or about July 24, 2009, the defendant distributed 50 grams or more of actual methamphetamine. The maximum possible penalty on this count includes imprisonment of not less than 10 years and up to life, a \$4 million fine, a 5 year term of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment. Count II alleges on or about July 24, 2009, the defendant possessed with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of actual methamphetamine. The maximum possible penalty includes imprisonment of not less than 10 years and up to life, a \$4 million fine, a 5 year term of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment. Count III alleges the \$5,790 in United States currency seized from the defendant on or about July 24, 2009, was used or intended to be used to commit and to facilitate the drug offenses set out in Counts I and II or constitutes proceeds derived from the drug offenses set out in Counts I and II and any and all interest the defendant has in the United States currency should be forfeited to the United States.

- * **Saul Sandoval-Bruno**, age 34, of Omaha, is charged with illegal reentry into the United States on or about July 30, 2009, after being deported following conviction for an aggravated felony. The maximum possible penalty if convicted, includes imprisonment of 20 years, a fine of \$250,000, followed by 3 years of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment.
- * **Daniel G. Smith**, age 47, of Beaver City, Nebraska, is charged with theft of funds from the Social Security Administration in or around August, 1992, and continuing until on or about July, 2008, in the amount of approximately \$164,929. The maximum possible penalty if convicted, includes imprisonment of 10 years, a fine of \$250,000, followed by 3 years of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment. Count II alleges on or about January 14, 2005, Smith provided false statements in a Social Security Administration Report of Continuing Disability Interview. The maximum penalty for this count includes 5 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, 3 years of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment. Count III alleges in or around March, 2000, and continuing until on or about June, 2008, Smith stole money from the United States Department of Health and Human Services. Smith received Medicaid benefit payments to which he knew he was not entitled. The maximum penalty for this count includes 10 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, 3 years of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.
- * **Manuel J. Torres**, age 36, of Modesto, California, is charged in a two-count indictment. Count I of the indictment alleges beginning from an unknown date but at least as early as on or about July 13, 2009, and continuing through on or about July 14, 2009, the defendant conspired with others to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of actual methamphetamine. The maximum possible penalty includes imprisonment of at least 10 years and up to life, a \$4 million fine, a 5 year term of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment. Count II of the indictment alleges Torres possessed with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of actual methamphetamine on or about July 14, 2009. The maximum possible penalty includes imprisonment of not less than 10 years and up to life, a \$4 million fine, a 5 year term of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment.

- * **Dante J. Vasser**, age 27, of Omaha, is charged in a five-count indictment. Counts I through III charge Vasser with distribution of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine base on or about March 30, 2009, April 1, 2009, and April 29, 2009. The maximum possible penalty for each count includes imprisonment of 20 years, a \$1 million fine, a 3 year term of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment. Count IV charges Vasser with possession with intent to distribute 5 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine base on or about June 22, 2009. The maximum possible penalty on this count includes imprisonment of not less than 5 years and up to 40 years, a \$2 million fine, a 4 year term of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment. Count V alleges the \$385.85 in United States currency seized from the defendant was used or intended to be used to commit and to facilitate the drug offenses set out in Counts I through IV or constitutes proceeds derived from the drug offenses set out in Counts I through IV and any and all interest the defendant has in the United States currency should be forfeited to the United States.
- * **Julie Wiese**, age 45, of Kearney, is charged in a one-count indictment with being the owner of a residence used for the purpose of unlawfully manufacturing, storing, distributing and using methamphetamine, on or about December 7, 2008. The maximum possible penalty includes imprisonment of up to 20 years, a \$500,000 fine, a 3 year term of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.